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DE GHELDERE, ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/325,599

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Art Unit: 1724

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FOR PROCESSING AND TREATING A
BIOLOGICAL FLUID

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SUPPLEMENT TO AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

In further response to the Office Action of January 12, 2001,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 5 without prejudice.

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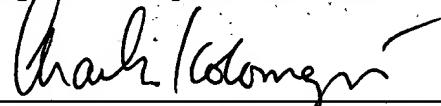
This is in further response to the Office Action of January 12, 2001. In that Office Action, Claim 5 was rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the term "said markable tabs" lacked antecedent basis. By this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled Claim 5 without prejudice.

Applicants also understand that newly presented Claims 12-26 have been renumbered as Claims 24-38 respectively.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the opportunity to supplement the Amendment filed on May 14, 2001. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending Claims 1-11 and 24-38 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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